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ACTION EB-11

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R 141640Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6440

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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EMBASSIES FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN SP

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AVIACO CRASH AUG 13

1. CARAVELLE 10R, REGISTRY NUMBER EC-BIC, FLYING AS FLIGHT AO-118 FROM MADRID TO LA CORUNA CRASHED AT 1145 AM LOCAL TIME AUG 13 FOUR KILOMETERS FROM ALVEDRO AIRPORT, WHICH SERVES LA CORUNA, KILLING ALL 79 PASSENGERS AND 6 CREW.

2. NO OFFICIAL COMMENT AVAILABLE, PENDING INVESTIGATION INCLUDING THAT OF "BLACK BOX". HOWEVER PRESS NOTES VISIBILITY LIMITED BY FOG TO 500 METERS. AVIACO INFORMED EMBASSY PILOT HAD 8600 HOURS AND KNEW LA CORUNA AIRPORT WELL.

3. ACCOUNTS FROM EYE WITNESSES NOT IN AGREEMENT; BUT AIRCRAFT APPEARS TO HAVE CIRCLED FIELD THREE TIMES BEFORE ATTEMPTING LANDING. CONTACT WITH PILOT LOST 1145 AM. ACCORDING SOME ACCOUNTS ONE WING FELL OFF BEFORE PLANE CRASHED.

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4. AIRCRAFT HAD 12,990 FLYING HOURS, MANUFACTURED BY

FRENCH FIRM SUD AVIATION, WHICH PARTICIPATING IN  
INVESTIGATION WITH SPANISH UNDERSECRETARIAT OF CIVIL  
AVIATION, AND AVIACO. IT WAS EQUIPPED WITH TWO PRAT  
& WHITNEY TURBINE ENGINES.

5. EMBASSY HAS COMMUNICATED SEPARATELY WITH DEPARTMENT  
ON AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO DIED IN ACCIDENT.  
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